

Boston Post Cane Policy

Town of Hopkinton



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TOWN OF HOPKINTON BOSTON POST CANE POLICY

SECTION I: PURPOSE

This policy known as the Boston Post Cane Policy of the Town of Hopkinton is adopted for the purpose of setting guidelines for the Board of Selectmen, as Trustees of the Boston Post Cane, to follow to ensure that the Town is administering the distribution of the cane in a manner that follows the wishes of the donor.

SECTION II. AUTHORITY

These policies are adopted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the authority granted to the Board by the donor of the cane.

SECTION III. CANE OWNERSHIP

The Hopkinton Boston Post Cane is the property of the Town of Hopkinton

SECTION IV. TRUSTEES OF THE BOSTON POST CANE

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hopkinton serves as the Trustees of the Boston Post Cane.

SECTION V. DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANE

The Boston Post Cane shall be presented to the oldest resident of the Town of Hopkinton with the following qualifications and stipulations:

1. No person who has resided in Hopkinton for fewer than twenty years shall be eligible to receive the cane, UNLESS the Trustees of the Boston Post Cane judge that person's contributions to the community have been so extraordinary as to exempt him/her from that qualification.
2. If the oldest qualified resident does not accept the cane, the Trustees of the cane will not present the cane to any other resident until the removal from town or passing of the oldest qualified resident.
3. Upon the passing of the holder of the Boston Post Cane, the Trustees will wait an appropriate period of time before presenting the cane to the next resident qualified to hold the cane.

SECTION VI. RETENTION OF THE CANE

To ensure that the Trustees retain possession of the cane after the death of the holder, the Trustees shall:

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1. Maintain regular contact with the holder of the cane.
2. Ensure that presentation of the cane to a qualified holder has been documented by any means possible.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

These policies shall be effective upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen and shall replace any and Boston Post Cane procedures or policies previously enacted by the Town.